

13 DIE IN OKLAHOMA-TEXAS TORNADOES

UNWRITTEN LAW TO BE DAY'S PLEA

Will Tell Coroner's Jury Why He Killed Lt.-Col. Beck.

BULLETIN. Court House, Okla., April 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—An hour before the time set for the inquest into the death of Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Ward Beck, killed in the fashionable home here of Jean P. Day early on Tuesday, every available seat in the district court room was taken by spectators and the corridors were filled with people standing in the court chamber. Three bailiffs attempted to preserve order in the crowded corridors.

Okla. City, Okla., April 8.—Pleading the stern code of Oklahoma, the "unwritten law," Jean P. Day, prepared to go before a coroner's jury here today and seek to be judicially absolved of the killing of Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Ward Beck on the ground that he slew in self-defense while attempting to keep inviolate the sanctity of his home.

Six men, sitting as a jury, will hear this afternoon from the lips of Day, wealthy attorney and oil man, and from his wife, their sworn stories of the slaying, and on their testimony and other evidence, brought out, will be assigned the responsibility in the tragedy. Day declared he will tell the only story he knows—the true facts—that he struck Beck down in his home early last Tuesday morning when he returned from the early morning hours after a day's hunt for his faithful wife. In his heart there was no murder, he will plead. The revolver he used as a club in the belief that he was defending his life when he fired accidentally as he struck the blow, ending the officer's life. This is the testimony he says he will give the jurors. The immediate provocation drew back one hand and that he feared the army officer might be armed.

Wife Refutes "Slander." Supporting her husband's account of the slaying, Mrs. Day will go to his defense, charging that Beck, the trusted friend of the family, turned beast when the two were left alone in the drawing room of the fashionable Day home in the early morning hours after a day's hunt for his faithful wife. In his heart there was no murder, he will plead. The revolver he used as a club in the belief that he was defending his life when he fired accidentally as he struck the blow, ending the officer's life. This is the testimony he says he will give the jurors. The immediate provocation drew back one hand and that he feared the army officer might be armed.

County Attorney Forrest Hughes went to the inquest declaring that Jean P. Day, thus far had not told all the truth about the tragedy, and that he killed Beck after seeing "something that swept him off his feet," a thing on which any red-blooded jury would vote an acquittal. Some Points Unexplained. A handkerchief in the clutched hand of the dead aviator, the indication that Beck had not been shot from the front, as Day alleged, and Major R. B. Paddock, who accompanied Lieutenant Colonel Beck to Oklahoma City last Monday. Prominent local business men, all acquaintances of Day, make up the coroner's jury.

Recall Beck as Flyer. Vandalia, Ill., April 8.—The death of Lieutenant Colonel Paul W. Beck, recalls to residents here the accident experienced by him on his attempted cross-country flight last July 18, while enroute to his wife's bedside at Atlantic City, from Fort Sill, Okla. Mrs. Beck was reported critically ill at the time and he attempted to fly to her. Near this city he encountered a storm and was compelled to land. On "taking off" his plane became entangled in a wire fence and was wrecked, causing its abandonment. He escaped with minor injuries.

DENBY CLOSES NAVAL RADIOS TO SPEECHES

Order Follows Probe Into Practices of Congressmen.

Washington, April 8.—Secretary Denby announced today he had ordered naval radio stations closed to public use for broadcasting speeches, lectures or any other form of non-official communication excepting musical programs to be picked up by radio telephone. Issuance of the order followed an investigation by the department into the use of the naval radio service by members of congress in addressing their constituents on political subjects. Democratic members of congress declared use of the government radio had been granted only to Republicans and the matter was the subject of considerable discussion around the capital.

Mr. Denby said the order was temporary and designed to stop use by private individuals of the naval radio broadcasting facilities until a definite policy had been worked out by the government to handle this business.

PACKING FIRM SUES BROKERS

Corn Belt Company of Dubuque Asks Accounting of \$250,000, Alleging Fraud.

Chicago, April 8.—Attorneys for the Corn Belt Packing company, of Dubuque, Iowa, today filed suit in the United States district court against Ernest C. Devine, well known local broker and Henry J. Polts, asking an accounting of more than \$250,000 which the bill alleges they fraudulently obtained from the packing company. The bill said that the actions of the two men named had seriously threatened the financial condition of the company.

TO EXTRADITE MISSISSIPPIAN

Farmer Charged With Passing Bad Check in Dixon, Ill. Loses Habeas Corpus Appeal.

Jackson, Tenn., April 8.—Holding that the motion for a new trial and the bill of exceptions were not filed within the required time, the Tennessee court of appeals today affirmed the action of the Shelby county probate court which ruled adversely to the contentions of E. B. Heller, Mississippi farmer and stock man, who sought through habeas corpus proceedings to prevent extradition to Dixon, Ill., on a charge of passing an alleged worthless check in payment for a shipment of blooded cattle purchased at a fair held in Dixon several years ago.

THE WEATHER

Table with weather forecasts for various locations including St. Paul, Red Wing, and others, with columns for temperature, wind, and precipitation.

Washington, April 8.—Weather outlook for the week beginning Monday, April 10, includes: Region of the Great Lakes: Showers and warm at beginning of week; fair and cooler after Monday until Friday or Saturday when it will become warmer with showers. Region of upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys: Cloudy and much cooler at beginning of week, and fair and cool thereafter until Thursday or Friday when it will become unsettled and warmer with probably showers; frost first part of the week.

3-INCH RISE WILL FLOOD BEARDSTOWN

Belief Crisis Is Past Is Doubted; To Go Higher Monday.

BULLETIN. Beardstown, Ill., April 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—Breaking of three levees along the Illinois river, north of Beardstown, between Havana and Peoria at noon today had lessened the pressure on Lost Creek levee, which is protecting Beardstown, and gave Mayor Wesley Perry a forlorn hope that the levee might stand. "But even the slightest wind, or a further rising of the water," the mayor said, "will spoil our hope."

Beardstown, Ill., April 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—Belief that the flood crisis is past was expressed here this afternoon, when the Illinois river for the space of an hour seemed stationary, and the Lost Creek levee remained unbroken. Superintendent of Streets Edward Broeker, directing workers, continued reinforcing the levee, and would give no assurance that he believed the danger past.

"The river," he said, "reached its present height at noon." St. Louis, Mo., April 8.—With a 3.4 foot rise over night the Illinois river at Beardstown today was at the 221 stage, and United States Meteorologist Hays predicted it would reach 22.5 feet Monday, the highest since 1844. Beardstown, Ill., April 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—At 9 o'clock this morning the water here had registered 22 feet and 3 inches and was still rising. When it reaches the height set by the St. Louis weather bureau observer for noon today, the Lost Creek levee will be abandoned if it is not repaired.

Beardstown, Ill., April 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—A 9 o'clock flood of three or four inches, as predicted, will send a steady stream of water over the top. Beardstown, Ill., April 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French company operating the goliath, which was carrying three passengers, has issued a statement declaring that their pilots have perfect knowledge of the route, which they have been covering for a year. The British machine, owned by a new company, had only been in the London Paris service three days. It seems certain that those in the goliath saw the English machine at least some seconds before the crash, as when the body of Mrs. Christopher Bruce Yule was found, a hand was pressed to the eye of the pilot, and his mechanical and Pilot Duke and the cabin boy of the English machine.

Protects Town Proper. Lost Creek levee is the one protecting Beardstown proper. Beside it there are nine others within a stretch of five miles of the city, at which the water early this morning was straining almost to breaking point. All the levees are constructed circularly, and the collapse of one, it is said, will not weaken the others. Five thousand acres of wheat has already been destroyed and that much more is in danger. Within the city of Beardstown, which, excepting the railroad right of way and the hard road, is completely surrounded by water, the flooding of sewers. As many as 35 individual dikes have been constructed like enormous bowls, about the openings. Water in them in the lowest parts of the city has risen to three feet. It is declared here it is the first time this expedient has been resorted to in the north.

Will Flood 300 Homes. Mayor Wesley Perry expects that between 150 and 200 homes will be flooded when the levee gives way. In the outskirts of the city are already a solid sheet of water, dotted by isolated houses. The water stands from one to three feet deep, and some of the houses are being living throughout the high water in second stories, move to dry land by means of boats embarked from the tops of front porches. Practically all families, however, whose homes will be reached have vacated them, taking along most of their household furniture. They take their misfortune, for the most part, as a matter-of-fact occurrence. One man, unable to move his piano, banked it on stilts on the second floor, above the high water mark and moved out everything else. When the water goes down he will return, he says.

FIND GALLI-CURCI'S JEWELS. San Diego, Cal., April 8.—The jewels valued at \$45,000, reported lost by Mme. Galli-Curci at a restaurant Thursday were found along a road by an automobile expressman and returned to the opera singer.

Harding Convinced Single Term of Six Years Is Best For People, Lawrence Says

BY DAVID LAWRENCE. (Copyright, 1922, by The Argus.) Washington, D. C., April 8.—President Harding has become convinced that a single term of six years for American presidents with no re-election thereafter, would better serve the interests of the people than the present method. Close friends who have discussed the subject with him say that one year in office has revealed to him so many phases of the presidency which would be benefited by a single term that from an impersonal basis he is of the opinion that a constitutional amendment providing for the change would be a good thing. Representative Wood of Indiana has already introduced a bill covering such an amendment to the federal constitution, but it takes a two-thirds vote of the senate and house as well as approval by the legislators of three-fourths of the states of the union to make the change effective. Who'll Start It? How would it ever get started? Would President Harding agree not to become a candidate for reelection for a four-year term or could the amendment be made to cover the present term of Mr. Harding? These questions have been discussed by members of the cabinet and constitutional lawyers in inner circles of the government and many of them suggest that if it would not be misconstrued they think the same amendment to the constitution could automatically prolong by two years Mr. Harding's term and make him ineligible for reelection to the six-year term. "There are too many ill effects from presidential elections," said one influential member of the cabinet today. "There's always a let-down in business in a presidential year. Four years is too frequent an interval. Six years would give a president the opportunity to put through a complete program. I believe also that congressmen should be elected for four years and senators for six years. We get better results in the senate where the term of office is six years than in the house where everybody is up for election every two years. As for eight years for an American president—it is too much. Cites Wilson Breakdown. The health of the average man elected to high office will not stand up to the strain of an eight-year presidential break down under the strain of eight years. How much of that strain was brought about by the necessity of a presidential campaign in the middle of his eight years? Six years would be better from every viewpoint. "But what check could be exercised on the president?" (Continued on Page Fifteen.)

SEVENTH MAN IN FRENCH AIR CRASH IS DEAD

English Pilot Succumbs to Injuries in Hospital.

Paris, April 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—R. E. Duke, pilot of the English plane which crashed into a French goliath on the Paris-London aerial express route yesterday near Thieulieu, died in a hospital in Beauvais today without recovering consciousness. He was the only person in either machine to survive the crash, and his death brought the total of those killed to seven. Low visibility, caused by low hanging clouds and mist, is given as the primary cause of the catastrophe. Both pilots were flying low at the time, keeping their tracks in sight so as not to lose their way, and this brought them together head on. Americans Killed. The French company operating the goliath, which was carrying three passengers, has issued a statement declaring that their pilots have perfect knowledge of the route, which they have been covering for a year. The British machine, owned by a new company, had only been in the London Paris service three days. It seems certain that those in the goliath saw the English machine at least some seconds before the crash, as when the body of Mrs. Christopher Bruce Yule was found, a hand was pressed to the eye of the pilot, and his mechanical and Pilot Duke and the cabin boy of the English machine.

Jury Disbarred 'Forever' For Freeing Bootlegger; Stirs Storm in Arkansas

BY A. D. MANNING. (Copyright, 1922, by The Argus.) Fort Smith, Ark., April 8.—Disbarred "forever" from future jury service in the Arkansas courts because they insisted upon acquitting a bootlegger, 12 prominent business men of Fort Smith threatened today to take their "disfranchisement" to the supreme court of the United States if necessary. The prominence of the jurors—five of them being presidents of large corporations—and the drastic action of Judge Brizolara of the circuit court, have created a living throughout the high water in second stories, move to dry land by means of boats embarked from the tops of front porches. Practically all families, however, whose homes will be reached have vacated them, taking along most of their household furniture. They take their misfortune, for the most part, as a matter-of-fact occurrence. One man, unable to move his piano, banked it on stilts on the second floor, above the high water mark and moved out everything else. When the water goes down he will return, he says.

Judge Stands Pat. Charges that the presiding judge had attempted to intimidate the jurors have been followed by the continuance of all the other liquor cases set for this term of court. This was done, Judge Brizolara said, so that intimidation was not his purpose. Meantime the judge is standing pat on his disbarment order and the tempest caused thereby continues to rage on the streets, in the court house corridors and in the churches. "Flaunting the law," say the critics of the jurors. "Exceeding the law," say the supporters of the jurors. The jurors say there has been an

ENGRAVING BUREAU TO BE CLOSED

Will Affect 4,000 Employees; Mellon to Issue Formal Order.

Washington, April 8.—Divisions of the bureau of engraving and printing, engaged in the production of bank notes, bonds and postage stamps will be closed tonight for an indefinite period for the purpose of taking an inventory of the plant from which James L. Wilmet and 28 chiefs, superintendents and foremen were removed by presidential order, one week ago. Decision to close the big plant followed a conference between Louis Hill, newly appointed director and treasury officials. Formal order for the closing will be issued by Secretary Mellon of the treasury, under whose department the bureau operates. To "Hardingize" Bureau. While taking of an inventory and repairs are given as the principal reasons for closing, hints were given that a further purpose was the reorganizing of the bureau—or "Hardingizing" as one official put it. About 6,000 persons are employed in the bureau and it was stated about 4,000 would be affected by the closing.

4 MEN TAKEN IN BOSTON MAY BE PRIEST KILLERS

One Has Watch That May Be Property Aurora Pastor.

Boston, Mass., April 8.—Three of four men arrested at gun point yesterday when attempting to dispose of bonds valued at \$28,000, were being held today as fugitives from justice at Aurora, Ill., pending the arrival of officers, who sent word that the men were wanted for the theft of bonds from the safe of a Roman Catholic church there on Feb. 18. The men gave their names as Morris Koffer of Cleveland, Ohio; John Russell of Denver, Colo.; and James McGuire of this city. The fourth man, Daniel Shea, said to be a former bond salesman of Newton, is being held also, although not wanted for the theft of the bonds, police said. Probe Murder Angle. An investigation is being conducted to determine whether the three men implicated in the murder Jan. 27, of the Rev. Florian Chodniewicz, pastor of St. Florence's church at Hegewich, killed while struggling with a burglar. Other robberies of priests were reported from Ottawa, Bloomington, and Springfield. A telegram from police at Aurora, Ill., said that a monogrammed watch, found on one of the prisoners, belonged to the Rev. P. G. Weber, pastor of the church. Inspectors Haggerty and Farrell said that they saw two of the four men found in connection with the murder to another, attempting to sell the bonds. The inspectors finally approached them with drawn revolvers. The suspects surrendered without resistance. On one man a loaded revolver was found, which had a monogrammed watch with the initials "P. G. W."

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Secretary Weeks Refuses New Mexican Governor's Request for Soldiers to Keep Order.

Washington, April 8.—Secretary Weeks today declined to send federal troops into New Mexico in response to a telegram from Governor M. C. Mechem, who said he needed them to preserve order in the Gallup coal fields where martial law was declared yesterday as a result of disorder incident to the coal strike.

Help Pull Your County Out of the Mud.

Rock Island county is one of the counties having the worst roads in Illinois. If you have used the roads in other sections of the state you have had convincing evidence of this condition. It is proposed that Rock Island county issue bonds to raise \$1,000,000 for hard roads. This proposition is to be voted upon at the election next Tuesday. The bonds will be extended over a period of 20 years, maturity to be at the rate of \$50,000 a year. Thus the sum to be raised by taxation each year to meet the bond payments will be so small that they will be barely noticeable by the average taxpayer. The state will bear half the cost of maintaining the county roads. Rock Island county, because of its poor road system, is not keeping pace with other sections of Illinois. Good roads increase the value of your property. They bring the farm closer to the city and this means improved trading and social conditions. Adoption of the bonding proposal will mean immediate beginning of good roads construction in the county. It will mean employment of large forces of men at good wages. The money will be spent in Rock Island county, paid to Rock Island county labor. Voting for the bond issue is a good way to contribute to the movement to bring the county back to normalcy. Other Illinois counties that have built roads by bond issues are only sorry that they did not adopt the plan years ago. Vote yes on the bond issue next Tuesday and help pull Rock Island county out of the mud. It has been there long enough.

STRIKING COAL MINERS TO GET LAST PAY DAY

Last Half of March Total Placed at \$30,000,000.

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 8.—Pushing their way into the heart of the Connelsville coke region of Fayette county, organizers of the United Mine Workers of America today closed three more mines of the H. C. Frick Coke company, and one independent mine. Operations at four other mines were curtailed. Indianapolis, Ind., April 8.—Idle coal miners of the country, starting today and continuing next week, receive their last pay, estimated at \$30,000,000 by union officials and regarded by them as a strike fund. The big wage distribution, an important factor in the miners' ability to continue the general suspension of work that began a week ago on the order of the United Mine Workers of America, is for the final half of March—in all, 15 working days. The big sum is several times the total cash of the union organizations, national, state and local, and comes to the miners with an indefinite period of idleness ahead of them. It is the only big cash payment that will come during the suspension, the union war chest not permitting any general strike benefits. As most of the anthracite mines were kept on full time in March and the bituminous mines generally operated almost two-thirds of the time, the miners' last pay is among the best sums the men have received for several months. The exact amount and its apportionment in various coal fields, is not a certainty, but William Grainger, secretary-treasurer of the union, said that \$30,000,000 is a "very conservative estimate."

Mine owners here agreed with this statement. Payment of the wages was begun in the Pennsylvania anthracite region and in parts of Illinois. Monday is payday in Indiana and some other fields, but elsewhere it is as late as Friday. More than \$10,000,000 will be paid to the men in the districts, regarded as forming the stronghold of the suspension—the Pennsylvania anthracite region, the central competitive field and the southwest interstate district. For the anthracite miners, Mr. Green estimated that 7,500,000 was due them for work between March 15 and 31. The central competitive field with its 215,000 union workers he said would receive about 10,500,000, and the southwest interstate region almost \$2,000,000, which they would receive between March 15 and 31. The central competitive field with its 215,000 union workers he said would receive about 10,500,000, and the southwest interstate region almost \$2,000,000, which they would receive between March 15 and 31. The central competitive field with its 215,000 union workers he said would receive about 10,500,000, and the southwest interstate region almost \$2,000,000, which they would receive between March 15 and 31.

FATTY CASE TO JURY NEXT WEEK

All Evidence and Arguments Expected to Be Completed by Wednesday or Thursday.

San Francisco, Calif., April 8.—Mrs. Virginia Warren and Mrs. Helen Madeline Whitehurst of Chicago, defense witnesses in the third Roscoe C. ("Fatty") Arbuckle manslaughter trial, were subpoenaed today to appear before the grand jury on Monday night in connection with the testimony they gave in the trial. San Francisco, Calif., April 8.—Rebuttal testimony offered by the prosecution in contradiction of the defense contention that an old ailment caused the death of Miss Virginia Rappo, was expected to be concluded today in the third trial of Roscoe C. Arbuckle, on a manslaughter charge in connection with the film actress' death. Conclusion of the states' rebuttal in the morning session was to be followed at noon by a monogrammed watch, found on one of the prisoners, belonged to the Rev. P. G. Weber, pastor of the church. Inspectors Haggerty and Farrell said that they saw two of the four men found in connection with the murder to another, attempting to sell the bonds. The inspectors finally approached them with drawn revolvers. The suspects surrendered without resistance. On one man a loaded revolver was found, which had a monogrammed watch with the initials "P. G. W."

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SCORES ARE HURT; HOMES BLOWN DOWN

Wire Service Crippled; Death Toll Is Greater Than Reported.

BULLETIN. Fort Worth, Texas, April 8.—A long distance message from Baird this afternoon said physicians had been sent to Opla from there in response to appeals. It was also said at Baird that four had been killed and 25 hurt in this morning's storm. Dallas, Texas, April 8.—Deaths in the storm of early today numbered 13, according to reports from various north central Texas and south central Oklahoma points at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Early estimates of the property damage were that it would be heavy. Six deaths were reported from Runnels county and four in Callahan county, Texas. Reports from both places are meager.

Dallas, Texas, April 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—Twelve deaths and injuries to an unknown number were reported early today as a result of wind storms starting in west Texas, and sweeping through north central Texas and south central Oklahoma. Six were reported killed at Rowena, near Ballinger, Texas, three at Oplin, near Fort Worth, and one each at Cisco, Electra, Texas, and Lawton, Okla. First reports indicated heavy property damage was feared. Heavy rains accompanied the wind and at most places. Wire communication was interrupted considerably, and the heavy rains made travel on most of the highways slow and difficult. Ballinger, Texas, April 8.—Six persons were killed, seven injured and six houses destroyed six miles northwest of Rowena, near here in a tornado which swept that section at 1 o'clock this morning. Communication is badly crippled and it is feared the death toll will be greater when wreckage has been searched. The known dead are two children of Joe Hoback, a child of Frank Kvath, an unidentified man and two negroes. Fort Worth, Texas, April 8.—One woman was killed at Cisco, another seriously injured and a dozen slightly injured in a tornado in morning, according to reports from railroad officers. At least a dozen houses were blown down, the Broadway theatre destroyed, plate glass blown out of business houses and many stores flooded. Mother Killed; Baby Hurt. Lawton, Okla., April 8.—One person, a Mrs. Sands, was killed and her baby fatally injured in a severe and storm which swept the Mountain Hill addition of Lawton, at 8 o'clock this morning. A number of others were reported injured and much property damage done. In the downtown section of Lawton, telegraph poles were blown down and windows and awnings were torn away throughout the city. Greatest damage in Lawton was to wire poles on Fifth and Third streets. Report 4 Dead at Lawton. Oklahoma City, Okla., April 8.—Four persons were reported killed and a number injured in a tornado which struck Lawton, Okla., early today, in advices received by the American Telegraph and Telephone company here. Wires between here and Lawton are down and direct communication is impossible. Reports to the telephone company indicated that a number of buildings were destroyed. Half a mile of telephone poles were leveled just this side of Lawton, the account said. Wichita Falls, Texas, April 8.—Early reports from a rain and wind storm in this locality shows that one man was killed and several injured in southeast Electra. Roofs were said to be blown off at least 25 houses in the same district.

SAYS SEMENOFF WAS 'BUTCHER'

Washington, April 8.—Declaring he had received charges that American men, women and children had been "butchered" in Siberia by General Semenov, Chairman Borah, of the senate labor committee, announced today he would endeavor to bring about deportation of the anti-Bolshevik leader now under bail in New York, after arrest in connection with a civil suit. JAPS O. K. NAVY CUT. Tokyo, April 8.—The navy department in a public statement says a conference of admirals has decided that the strength of the Japanese navy as restricted by the armament conference is sufficient for the defense of the empire.